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Brief Summary Text - BSTX:

Fluorescein analogs derivatized with primary or secondary amino groups, through

which the analogs can be used to prepare analyte analogs useful as tracers in

FPIA's, are known. Among these are fluorescein amine I (5-aminofluorescein),

fluorescein amine II (6-aminofluorescein),

4'-aminomethylfluorescein, and

4'-(substututed amino) methyl fluoresceins. In this regard, see Anal. Biochem.

(1987) 162, 89 (1987) and U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,614,823 and 4,510,251, all of

which are incorporated herein by reference.

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Amino-derivatives of fluorescein are employed to make the tracers of the

invention, by formation of an amide between the amino (primary or secondary) of

the fluorescein derivative and the carbonyl of the carboxylate bonded to the

R.sub.1 group of the tracer. Thus, Q.sub.1 in a tracer according to the

invention can be, among others, fluorescein amine I

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(5-aminofluorescein), fluorescein amine II (6-aminofluorescein), or a fluorescein substituted at the 4'-position with a group of formula X

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